

Earliest
and most im-
portant Note
Book of
Walt
Whitman

Bring all the art and
science of the world, and
baffle and humble it with
one spear of grass

Liberty is not the ~~end~~ ^{fruition}
but the dawn of the
morning of a nation.—
The night has passed and
the day appears when
people walk abroad
to do evil or to do good

The soul or spirit
transmutes itself into all
matter—into rocks, and
can live the life of a
rock — into the sea, and
can feel itself the sea —
into the oak, or other
tree — into an animal,
and feel itself a horse,
a fish, or a bird —
into the earth — into the
motions of the suns and
stars —

A man only is interested
in any this when he identifies
himself with it — he must
himself be whirling and spiraling
through space like the planet

Mercury - he must be
driving like a cloud -
he must shine like
the sun - he must
be orbit and balanced
in the air, like this
earth - he must crawl
like the pismire - he
must

- he would be growing
fragrantly in the air, like
the locust blossoms -
he would rumble and
crash like the thunder
in the sky - he would
spring like a cat on his
prey - he would splash
like a whale in the

The mean and bandaged
~~its~~ spirit is perpetually dissatis-
fied with itself - It is too
wicked, or too poor, or too
feeble

Never speak of the soul
as any thing but intrinsically
great.— The adjective affixed
to it must always testify
greatness and immortality and
purity.—

effusion or corporation
The soul is always under
the beautiful laws of
physiology — I guess
the soul itself can
never be any thing but
great and pure and
immortal; but it
~~it~~ makes itself visible
only through matter —
a perfect head, and
~~but~~ bowels ^{and} bones
~~will~~ is the easy gate
through which it comes
from its ~~wonderful~~
garden, and pleasantly
appears to the sight

- of the world. - A
twisted skull and
blood ~~made~~ ^{ingests} or rotten
^{ancestry or} by gluttony, or rum or
bad disorders, - they are
the darkness toward
which the plant will
not grow, although its
seed lies waits for ages.